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Dear Bill:

It has come to my attention that there has been some confusion in the past concerning the responsibility of suppliers and other persons at the Base on the initiation and conduct of test programs. I would like to clarify this situation by first indicating that each supplier is responsible for the development of his own product and of its application to the program as a whole.

Further, concerning organization and lines of command, [redacted] as Base Commander is responsible for all coordination between suppliers and their various test programs with the training activities at the Base. As a rule, the Base Commander will delegate his authority to [redacted]. I would like to emphasize that suppliers should bring to [redacted] any differences concerning the initiation and conduct of test programs. Major problems, of course, can always be referred to Headquarters. But the point I wish to stress is that programs should be thoroughly coordinated and not allowed to lapse.

Sincerely,

DICK

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